



New Song Notes

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THE EPIPHANY

Mission: To invite all to know Christ, celebrate God's presence and be Christ's body in the world.

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Calendar

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| TODAY | | -Holy Eucharist —10:00 a.m. -Community Hour, Downstairs — 11:15 a.m. |
| Jan. | 13 | -Spirit School led by Bob Sessions, topic TBA — 11:30 a.m. |
| Jan. | 16 | -TED Talk & light meal: "Why do we fall for charismatic leaders?" — 5:30 p.m. -Choir Rehearsal — 7:15 p.m. |
| Jan. | 17 | -Morning Prayer Service at Lantern Park — 10:00 a.m. |
| Jan. | 20 | -Vestry Meeting — 11:30 a.m. |
| Jan. | 27 | -Spiritual Formation led by Bill Kupersmith at Prairiewoods — Time TBA |
| Feb. | 3 | -New Song Annual Meeting following Eucharist |
| Feb. | 16 | -New Vestry hold Annual Retreat |



News and Announcements

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January Prayer to End Racism

— for an end to slavery:

“O God of liberty and justice: we live in a nation in which the institution of human bondage was once a legal and accepted practice. We give thanks for those who worked and fought, at great personal sacrifice, to bring about an end to that cruel and oppressive system in our own land, and we pray that governments and authorities everywhere in the world might be led to make a quick end to the enslavement of any human being, throughout Earth.” Amen

NEW SONG’S OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR, SAMANTHA JOHNSON, RESIGNS POST

Samantha broke the sad news on Friday, Dec. 27, that she needed to resign from her post as Office Administrator. She emphasized that the decision was painful because she liked her job very much and apologized for the awkward timing. Due to personal issues she has made the decision to move to California so that she can be closer to her family. She put her last day in the office as January 24, to give the vestry time to search



for a replacement. She also would be happy to train a new person in whatever way she can be helpful. Samantha assumed the office administrator position in October, 2018. Even after her short time with us at New Song, she will already be sorely missed. All of us at New Song wish her the best as she restarts her life in California.

Meanwhile, in order to expedite Samantha’s replacement, a new search committee will be formed after the New Year. Submit names and suggestions to the wardens.

NEW SONG AND TRINITY PLAN JOINT EVENTS FOR SPRING 2019 & BEYOND

At 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 19, Nancy Reincke and Bob Sessions provided food and drink for a large gathering of New Songers and members of Trinity to greet Iowa Bishop Alan Scarfe and the Rev. Meg Wagner. Purpose of the meeting was to plan ahead for the upcoming year called “Engaging

All Disciples” in which Iowa churches will gather to talk about where God is giving us energy and hope. Saturday, May 4 was set as the date when members of Trinity and New Song will gather. Exact times and the venue remain to be set.

In addition, both churches expressed great interest in developing themes for Growing Iowa Leaders meetings in 2019. New Songers expressed interest in developing broader relationships with area people of color, and members of Trinity expressed great interest in building relationships with others through programming and planned interactions, all built on the firm foundation of God’s love.

TED TALK SET FOR JANUARY 16, “WHY DO PEOPLE FALL FOR CHARISMA?”

Mark your New Year calendar now for the TED Talk set for 5:30 p.m., Jan. 16. The topic “Why do People Fall for Charismatic Leaders?” will focus on techniques used by leaders to sway audiences and persuade them to do things they might not ordinarily do. A provided meal will greet participants at 5:30 p.m. and the TED talk, followed by discussion will run from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Don’t miss!

NEW PLUMBING IMPROVEMENTS!

As a Christmas gift to New Song, improvements were made in our plumbing! To better cope with Coralville water, we now have a water softener for hot water (not cold water). This should save our dishwasher, spigots, pipes, and sinks, from deterioration due to minerals in the water. For drinking water there is also a water purifier hooked up to the kitchen sink. Please use this water for making coffee — it will help save our coffee pots and improve the taste of coffee!



CONSIDER A SPECIAL DONATION TO NEW SONG TO START THE NEW YEAR

What can we do to strengthen New Song in the year ahead? Here are two suggestions for extra giving. Consider a special gift to pay down the mortgage, or add to the building fund. Both can be accomplished through regular offerings. Just put “mortgage” or “building fund” on the memo line if you write a check. Thank you!

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Jan. 6 — Kyle Irish-Gorvin
Jan. 8 — David Evans
Jan. 9 -- Philip Helmke